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WEBB STALLS FREEING C. S. BOYS

League to Ask Rome to Yank Troops in Spain

Refusal By Mussolini Would Open the French Frontier--Britain Also Sends Independent Warning to Italy

GENEVA—A sub-committee of the League of Nations decided here to present Premier Benito Mussolini with the flat alternative of withdrawing Italian troops from Spain or to take the consequences of the opening of the French frontier to arms and men for the Spanish People's Front government.

The draft of the resolution was reported to charge that "foreign intervention" was in progress in Spain instead of seconding Spain's flat charges of Italian aggression.

The committee's resolution, passage of which by the League Council as a whole is usually assumed, would for all practical purposes put an end to the policy of "non-intervention" long pursued by the League and charged by democratic forces everywhere as being an assistance to the fascist aggressors. It would leave the Spanish government free to obtain war materials wherever possible.

A month was scheduled to be allowed before the ruling went into effect, and Mussolini was to be given that amount of time in which to withdraw his troops.

British, Soviet and French delegates supported the resolution, calling it a compromise which held the hope of accomplishing what the non-intervention policy was nominally intended to accomplish, namely, the withdrawal of intervening troops. It was opposed by delegates of Austria, Hungary, Bulgaria, Portugal, South Africa and the Irish

CIO ASKS U. S. AID AS 'GOONS' BEAT WORKERS

Complaint Shows Hynes
Cops Aid Hatchet-Men
In L. A. Attacks

LOS ANGELES—Committee for Industrial Organization leaders demanded last Wednesday that U. S. Attorney General Homer Cummings take steps to curb the criminal activities of Teamster officials' "goons" squads following the latest bloody attacks against CIO workers on Tuesday.

Six union members and one bystander were attacked by "goons" so that they required hospitalization. Two were seriously injured.

Refused to Act

Police and deputy sheriffs watched the slippings, declared CIO leaders, and when U. S. District Attorney Benjamin Harrison was appealed to for government protection of CIO workers, he "deplored" the violence.

"But," said Harrison, after 24 hours' deliberation, "my hands are tied, I feel that matters of this kind are out of the jurisdiction of the federal government. I advise you to apply to the district attorney of Los Angeles County."

Inciting to Violence

Branding Harrison's inaction as equivalent to inciting violence, Secretary C. H. Jordan of the CIO Industrial Council, CIO Regional Director J. R. Robertson and a delegation of CIO members immediately demanded action by Attorney General Cummings.

Stating Harrison's refusal to investigate immediately into failure of local police to uphold the law was an "invitation to goon squads to continue slugging and beating workers in Los Angeles," the telegram, signed by Robertson, were sent to Senator Wm. Gibbs McAdoo, Cummings, and Congressman Byron Scott, Jerry Voorhis, Tom Ford, and Others in Washington, D. C.

Robertson pointed out that his stand was in direct opposition to the law and to the policy of the attorney general's office. He cited the recent similar case in Harlan, Ky., where the federal government appointed two special prosecutors.

Contact Roosevelt

Immediate steps were taken, said Robertson, to contact President Roosevelt in Seattle to assure proper consideration would be given the issue.

"President Roosevelt will be notified we have definite evidence of conspiracy against federal laws by local police," said Robertson.

Pacific Coast CIO Director Harry Bridges declared: "We are going ahead with all our power and will force federal authorities to take action against local police."

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Realty Steal Laid To Fleishhacker

Slipped \$8,125 Into Own Pockets
in Market Street Sales

By HARRY BARTON

Herbert Fleishhacker is charged in a suit pending in Judge Roche's court, San Francisco, of retaining \$8,125 as a "secret commission" on the sale of valuable Market Street property.

He is charged with selling this property for \$15,000 more than he told his clients and retaining 5 per cent of the total

sale price of \$165,000 unknown to the people who had placed full trust in him as their agent.

He informed the representative of the Lazard and Cahn families of Paris, that a sale of property owned by them had brought a price of \$150,000. Later he "confessed" that the property had brought a "little more," and deposited to their account \$151,469.34.

Although this deal occurred in 1925, not until 1934, when other shady deals of Fleishhacker were being investigated was the actual sale price brought to light.

Fleishhacker Trusted

Early in 1925 Fleishhacker called the business representative of the Cahns and Lazard in Paris that there were buyers interested in the Market Street property owned by the two families. He said that he had a bid on the property for \$125,000. He asked if this price was acceptable to them. They cabled back that they were willing to take his advice on the sale.

The bank cabled the Cahns and Lazard on July 14, 1925, that the property had been sold for \$150,000. A few days later Fleishhacker sent them a written confirmation of the sale at the stated price.

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UNITY ENDED LOCK-OUT ON WATERFRONT

Rank and File Teamsters
In Rebellion Against
Chiefs in Oakland

SAN FRANCISCO—Longshoremen and teamsters are working normally on the San Francisco waterfront again, more solidly united than ever before as a result of the abysmal failure of the Teamster officials to lock out the longshoremen. Interviewed by a Western Worker reporter, Longshoremen President Henry Schmidt declared:

"The officials of the Teamsters Union did not tell the men to go back to work because they wanted to save the farmers' crops."

The real reason for the end of the blockade was failure of their program. Their program was to split the ranks of the longshoremen, which failed miserably, and to split the ranks of the Maritime Federation, which also failed miserably. The Associated Farmers angle was merely a face-saving device."

"The relations between longshoremen and teamsters were never better than they are right now," Warren Denton, Warehousemen's president, stated.

Victory for CIO

"This is a great victory for the Committee for Industrial Organization. It ought to convince everyone once and for all that the warehousemen have chosen the organization they want to represent them.

"This is also another victory for solidarity. As long as the workers stick together, they have nothing to fear from any source."

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Fresno Meet to Lay Basis
For Federating Liberal
California Forces

LOS ANGELES—A statewide meeting of progressive forces in California will be held in Fresno, October 16 and 17, under the sponsorship of a group which is identified as "a coalition of liberal, labor and farmer forces working within their own parties."

The meeting is called to work out a program of unity for progressives, rather than to consider candidates, although the sponsors declare: "Progressives throughout the United States consider the coming elections in California vitally important, California must take its place with such states as Washington and Wisconsin."

Sponsors have gathered in both northern and southern California to plan the unifying movement, with provisional offices in Room 416, American Bank Building, Los Angeles, in care of William J. Plunkett, 1950 Jones Street, San Francisco.

The sponsors include:

Northern: Dr. Thomas Addis, Dr. George P. Adams, Dr. Philip King Brown, Rev. Dillon W. Throckmorton, Prof. Benjamin E. Mallory, Rabbi Saul White, Dr. Caroline Coffin, George Irvine, Gen. Galliac, Ben Thompsons, John D. Barry, Dr. Giuseppe Facci, George West, Sol Silberman, Mrs. Henry Erdman, William J. Plunkett, Col. Charles Erskine Scott Wood, Margaret Hayes, Helen Lawson, A. F. Gaynor, Pat Lydon, Ellis Patterson, Peveril Meigs 3rd, Wilford Howard, Claudia Williams, Joseph Bredstone, Victor Wagler.

Southern: Dr. George Mangold, Dorothy Wyson Smith, Ben Rosenthal, Paul Richie, Judge Robert K. Kenney, Rube Borough, Oliver Thornton, Ernest Dawson, Jack Tenney, Augustus Hawkins, Dr. Floyd J. Seaman, Carey McWilliams, Oliver Carlson, Ellene Bogian, John Packard, Michael Rudolph, Rose Segure, Frank Scully, Floyd Covington, A. A. Heist, C. H. Jordan, Lee Geyer, Hugh Wilkins, Hugh Campbell, J. R. Robertson, Charles Powers, Herb Sorel.

**BENSON DEPLORES
HATRED OF RACES**

ST. PAUL, Minn.—Gov. Elmer A. Benson spoke out in ringing tones against intolerance against racial and religious groups and national minorities. The Governor's statement appeared in a letter of greeting which he sent to the World Congress Against Racism and Anti-Semitism held in Paris. He said, in part: "Red-baiting, anti-Semitism and Negro discrimination are false issues. They are aimed to destroy the opponent, not the opponent's argument. They turn attention away from the problem themselves and throw the debate into angry confusion."

"These false issues also accomplish another evil end. They divide the people, one against the other, along false lines. If you can get the white to fear the Negro, the Christian to hate the Jew, the farmer to distrust the city worker, the city people to disregard the farmers, then, of course, all these peoples are likely to find it impossible to unite together to fight for political liberties and to work out programs for their economic welfare."

**Hearst Scandal
Stories Inspire
Boy to Nudity**

LOS ANGELES—Fantastic sex stories splashed over front pages of Hearst papers of a supposed naked Negro who terrorizes women had borne fruit here this week when Mrs. Daisy Morrison reported that her purse was snatched by a 13 year old boy clad only in a pair of shorts.

Using the same tactics as those described in the scandal sheets, the youth is reported to have leaped out of a clump of bushes, snatched Mrs. Morrison's purse and fled.

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**FORMER EPIC OUT AGAINST M'ADOO; URGE
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**Los Angeles 'Finest' Cops
Caught, Jailed, As Thieves**

Six Fall Into Trap Set to Catch Them in Common Practice of
Robbing Drunks; 4 Arrested, 2 More Suspended

By J. T. STEWARD

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 26.—Oh, strange, oh, cruel and unhappy fate. Four of Police Chief Davis' "finest" were in the clink charged with grand theft and two others, both sergeants, were suspended here early this week after they were said to have been caught "dead to rights" robbing what they thought were drunks.

The arrests and suspensions climaxed an investigation, belated by years, of scores of complaints that police had "rolled" drunken persons for sums totaling thousands of dollars.

Apprehended by superiors through the use of decoys, the jailed men are Daniel S. Ryan, Dean Wood, Adolphus Baldwin and James McCarthy, close acquaintances of Chief Davis and formerly his personal driver. Those suspended are Sergeants Roy L. Wallace and Raymond Glanville. All are attached to the Lincoln Heights division.

**A Common Practice
The Country Over**

Methods used to perpetrate the robberies, according to reports of investigators, are as crude as they are common, and are similar to those used by police the country over. Police finding a person in a drunken stupor simply pick his pockets and, most often, throw him into jail. Sometimes, if there are no witnesses, the victim is not arrested, but left lying in the street after he has been robbed, as is charged in one of the cases recorded here.

On frequent occasions they administer a savage beating if there is doubt about the depth of the victim's stupor, according to those versed with dishonest police tactics. It is significant

that widespread rumors throughout the city link often-reported accounts of prisoners being beaten into unconsciousness and even death to efforts of police to hide such crimes.

**Trap Set By
Deputy Police Chief**

In connection with the sensational charges in the particular cases involved here, three elaborate traps, said to have been perfected by Deputy Police Chief Seager, were set to snare the jailed and suspended men. Police Chief Davis was out of town, from where he made no comment.

Three student police, whose names are withheld for fear of reprisals, it is said, were assigned as decoys.

Dressed in plain clothes, reeking of alcohol, they were supplied with marked money and staked out at different points, simulating drunkenness.

Three teams of police officials accompanied the "bait."

They were Inspector Charles Rudolph Jr. and Detective Lieut. C. M. Neece; Inspector Anthony Collins and Detective Lieut. Ira Justin; and Captain Bandele and Sergeant R. W. Bowing.

**Decoy Stretched Out
On Sidewalk**

The recruit with Bandele and Bowing was stretched out on the sidewalk at Riverside Drive

**U. S. ATTITUDE ON
JAPAN CHANGEABLE,
HULL TELLS WOOLF**

SAN FRANCISCO—America's policy in the China-Japan situation is "subject to rapid change," Secretary of State Cordell Hull told President George Wood of the Alaska Cannery Workers Union in a letter received here.

Hull replied to the resolution of the union opposing the neutrality policy and scoring the action of Japan. In reply, Hull said in part:

"The views and recommendations in this resolution have been noted and have received careful consideration. The administration is giving thoughtful attention to every phase of the Far East situation toward making effective the policies, especially the policy of peace, in which this country believes and to which it is committed. As the situation in the Far East is subject to rapid change, we demand that this shocking error be corrected and await reply as to what action is being

done."

**Oleta O'Connor is
C. P. Chairman in
San Francisco Co.**

SAN FRANCISCO—Oleta O'Connor, M. A., University of California, and descendant of a pioneer California family, was elected chairman of the PLC Council; Maxwell Greenfield, national representative of the United Electrical & Radio Workers of America, was named vice-chairman. Mr. Kievits was elected executive secretary and Robert A. White, treasurer. Temporary headquarters have been established at 426 Mt. Washington Drive.

Frank Spector, labor leader in the Imperial Valley strikes, was re-elected county secretary. Ruey Lee Lambert, trade union leader and World War Veteran, was chosen for the assistant secretary position.

Other member of the executive board elected were: Al Ward, "Pat" Patton, John Perry, Lillian Dinkin, Richard Martin and John Pittman.

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**Water District's
Labor Policy Hit**

**L. A. Lobby Demands Aqueduct Heads
Bargain With Banning Strikers**

LOS ANGELES—The Los Angeles County Council of the California People's Legislative Conference struck sharply at the Metropolitan Water District boards refusal to bargain collectively with strikers on the Banning conduit project this week.

The Council charged Water Board officials with "autocratic" conduct in refusing to enter a written agreement with the Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers, which union represents the majority of the water district employees.

The Council likewise condemned the water board's use of armed thugs and gangsters in the current controversy and demanded that needy Banning strikers be granted relief.

Relief Policy Scored

Declared Jules Kievits, executive secretary of the Council, "Speaking of dictatorship, it is a perfect set-up for the employer when the bread and shelter of his striking employees depend upon the word of one employer-controlled relief official."

The Council likewise entered the housing fight by voicing a protest against high rents, and urged the Los Angeles City Council to provide sufficient funds for a low-cost housing survey.

Leo Pierson, president of the Painters' District Council, was elected chairman of the PLC Council; Maxwell Greenfield, national representative of the United Electrical & Radio Workers of America, was named vice-chairman. Mr. Kievits was elected executive secretary and Robert A. White, treasurer. Temporary headquarters have been established at 426 Mt. Washington Drive.

According to Scott, Labor's side of the rapid transit fight will be presented in an intensive radio campaign for the duration of the campaign. Members of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Carpenters' Union will carry on a telephone campaign against the telephone.

Action to enter the campaign was taken at a recent meeting of the Carmen's Union when funds were voted by the membership to carry on the fight.

Members of the campaign committee are L. N. Bulatoff, Charles Blakeley, P. Z. Hays, F. B. Howe, W. A. Northway, W. C. Pennington, George Schmidt, E. E. Wilson, J. L. Wilson, W. R. Wyatt and D. C. Wagers.

**Resale Price Bill
Is Called Robbery**

NEW YORK—The Miller-Tydings resale price maintenance bill will raise the price of many products, rob hard-pressed consumers of millions of dollars and guarantee profits to already prosperous manufacturers, the Consumers' Union Research Reports states in its current issue.

The bill was tacked as a rider to the District of Columbia tax bill, passed by Congress and signed by the President under protest.

NEW YORK—As the drive to organize the insurance field reached the point where Industrial Insurance Agents Union Local 30 of the United Office & Professional Workers claimed a majority of New York City industrial agents, the union received a message of congratulation from CIO Chairman John L. Lewis.

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**M. L. THOMAS
BACKS DOWN
UNDER ATTACK**

**Anti-Nazi League Forces
Resignation From 150th
Anniversary Body**

LOS ANGELES—Chalking up another victory for the Hollywood Anti-Nazi League, Martin Luther Thomas, pastor of The Metropolitan Federated Church, otherwise known as The Church by Life's Highway, resigned last week from the Governor Merriam appointed Commission of 65 for the celebration of the 150th birthday of the Constitution of the United States.

Thomas' resignation followed a strongly worded telegram from the League to the governor demanding that he be removed because "he has violated all the principles on which the Constitution is based."

Merriam Does Nothing

The governor replied that he would do nothing toward removal of Thomas. Thomas message to Governor Merriam states: "I am convinced that you feel my fervent support of you might embarrass you with radicals whom you have been and are now courting for support. For three years we have waited in this state for some word from you to encourage the Christians and patriots, farmers, laborers and artisans in their desperate struggle against invading enemies, the CIO and radicalism, but no word has come from you."

This clearly indicates that the Governor felt impelled to demand his resignation.

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A Thief in Retreat Gives Up Part of His Booty

THERE was never a more brazen attack on civil rights than the ravings of the California press and economic royalists which resulted in the conviction of the eight Sacramento victims of the California Criminal Syndicalism Act.

Forgotten by many Californians is the sound and fury and beating of drums which accompanied that trial. The great Neil McAllister was going to rid the state of the threat of imminent "bloody revolution."

The courts and the Associated Farmers were going to drive the Communist Party into illegality. They were going to put an end "definitely and forever," to the idea that California agricultural workers could organize.

They didn't succeed in either case.

And now, having kept three in prison even to this day and the stigma of conviction and parole over the others, the courts of California have been forced to beat as graceful a retreat as possible. After all these months, the court has admitted there was no basis for their conviction.

It admitted only what it had to admit. That much and no more. It got the case off the books to silence the din of mass protest. But it did not wipe the unconstitutional act off the books. In short, it has attempted to retreat without surrendering is illegal weapons.

Let no one have any illusions as to why these prisoners were freed. The San Francisco Chronicle, straining itself to help the court in this hour of its embarrassment, says that "nothing is so important to Americanism as to protect the rights of even those whom we strongly disapprove." This, says the Chronicle, disproves the theory "that there is no justice for the common man in the capitalist courts."

A thief caught will give up as much booty as he must to save the rest and go scot free!

Let these new-come advocates of justice now join with the masses of California and the nation in demanding more loudly than ever the release of Tom Mooney!

Organize the campaign to wipe the California Criminal Syndicalism Act off the statute books of the state!

A rousing welcome back to the active ranks of labor and of its fighting Communist Party: Pat Chambers, Caroline Decker, Martin Wilson, Jack Crane, Al Houghard, Nora Conklin and Lorene Norman!

Labor's Eyes On Denver

WILLIAM GREEN will hold court starting Monday, October 4, in Denver. There, with all the wilfulness of the "nine old men" of the Supreme Court, he will attempt to impose the will of the 15 old men of the AFL executive council upon the laboring people of the United States. No black-robed Supreme Court justice has more flagrantly defied a people's mandate, than has Green disdained and subverted the will of labor for unity.

But the final tribunal will not be present at Denver. The delegates—many of whom "earned" their trip to Denver by servile obedience to the dictates of Green—may rubberstamp the labor-splitting and union-busting program of the AFL executive council, but they will not settle the issue.

Only unity will settle the issue. The Seattle Metal Trades Council, an AFL body, has voiced the demand for both AFL and CIO members in resolution adopted and sent to the Denver convention.

Call a national convention of ALL unions—regardless of affiliation so long as they are not company unions—and there work out, in a democratic manner the basis on which the ranks of labor can be re-united. This is the proposal of the Seattle Metal Trades Council and numerous other AFL unions and central bodies throughout the country.

If the delegates to Denver have ears and conscience, they will adopt the Seattle resolution.

McLaughlin Swings From Ridiculous to Sublime

WE, IN common with most people, were wondering what face-saving pretext the Teamsters' Union officials would devise to end their unwarranted, unsuccessful and unpopular embargo when John P. McLaughlin pulled the "save the crop" rabbit out of his hat.

Really, John, do you expect anyone to believe that fairy tale which tries to make the ridiculous seem sublime?

You, John, called off the embargo because you had to. Your insane adventure was heading straight over a cliff and you applied

the brakes.

Well, if you haven't the guts to state the real reasons for your retreat, we have! Here they are:

1. The rank and file teamsters' revolt in Oakland, which not only threatened to smash the embargo but also threatened to throw your puppet, Charles Real, out of office.

2. The fact that when you called for 4,000 teamsters to picket on Tuesday (day before you tried to become a hero), only fifty—count 'em, John, 50, fifty—showed up.

3. The adverse public sentiment which condemned your attack against an entire city to please your two masters—Dave Beck and the Draymen's Association.

4. All your stooges and lackeys in the maritime unions couldn't put a dent in the tested solidarity of the maritime workers.

What were you to do, John, when spades were trumps and all you held was a red (herring) suit? You did the only thing you could, and you didn't do that gracefully.

John, the rank and file teamsters were becoming disgusted with your irresponsible adventure. When working men are thrown on the bricks for 28 days, they want to know the reason why. You didn't give them any that would stick.

You say you did it all to save the crop. But you sowed another seed and we hope the harvest comes mighty soon. We hope it takes the form of the teamsters clearing you and a couple of other weeds out of their union garden.

The Big Show Is Over; The Applause Is Weak

THE BIG SHOW is over. The principal actors wait for applause. There are only a few faltering handclaps.

There was no expense spared by Hitler and Mussolini to win international support for the infamous Rome-Berlin Axis. They did everything they could in the recent "historic meeting" in Germany to make this axis the spit on which to broil democracy.

They proclaimed peace, but their words were smothered in the roar of their own cannons. They renewed with every theatrical gesture known to politics their infamous attempts to break the collaboration of the Soviet Union with other democratic forces of Europe.

Mussolini and Hitler proclaimed loudly that they would never consent to the withdrawal of their troops from Spain, but even as the pirate of the Mediterranean returns to Rome he is to be confronted with new pressure from England and France, calling upon him to take that action.

Even this move of the British Tories, however, is smeared by their tender solicitation for the pirate. It is reported that they are preparing to offer him a legal recognition of the bloody Ethiopian conquests. Support for the Spanish people is growing in England. With the aid of the brilliant Soviet policy it prodded the Tory cabinet to take hesitant steps which have aided in stopping the pirate submarine warfare. Now it demands that the weight of England be used to force removal of the Italian and German troops from Spain.

The theatrical performance in Germany will not achieve its goal. Democratic forces today are pressing their demands for defense of Spain more emphatically than ever. They must and will demand as well that Mussolini be neither offered nor given any recognition whatsoever to the gangster conquest of Ethiopia.

Gangsters At Large In Los Angeles

WHO are the real gangsters in Los Angeles?

Not the hundreds of small racketeers in vice and gambling and confidence games that plague the city's multitudes.

Not the occasional "neurot" running berserk with a gun.

These are not the REAL enemies of the people of Los Angeles. They but reflect the putrefaction of a diseased social system.

The real gangsters are uniformed.

They meet in the people's public buildings with the city's prominent citizens. They sit on the reviewing stands and lead parades. They wear the badge of authority to keep the peace.

Yet, there is no deed too loathsome for them to do.

Last week, these "guardians of law and order" were caught red-handed at the vilest crime imaginable.

They were picking the pockets of drunks. Investigation showed they systematically robbed prostitutes and petty offenders before jailing them.

Everyone in Los Angeles knows they operate a racket that for pure unadulterated banditry, beats anything Al Capone or Pete McDonough ever conceived.

What should be done with these blackguards?

Ask Buron Fitts! Ask Chief James Davis! The cops caught red-handed are only their stooges.

Above all, ask "Red" Hynes! He knows whom this police racket serves. He knows who profits from vice and brutality.

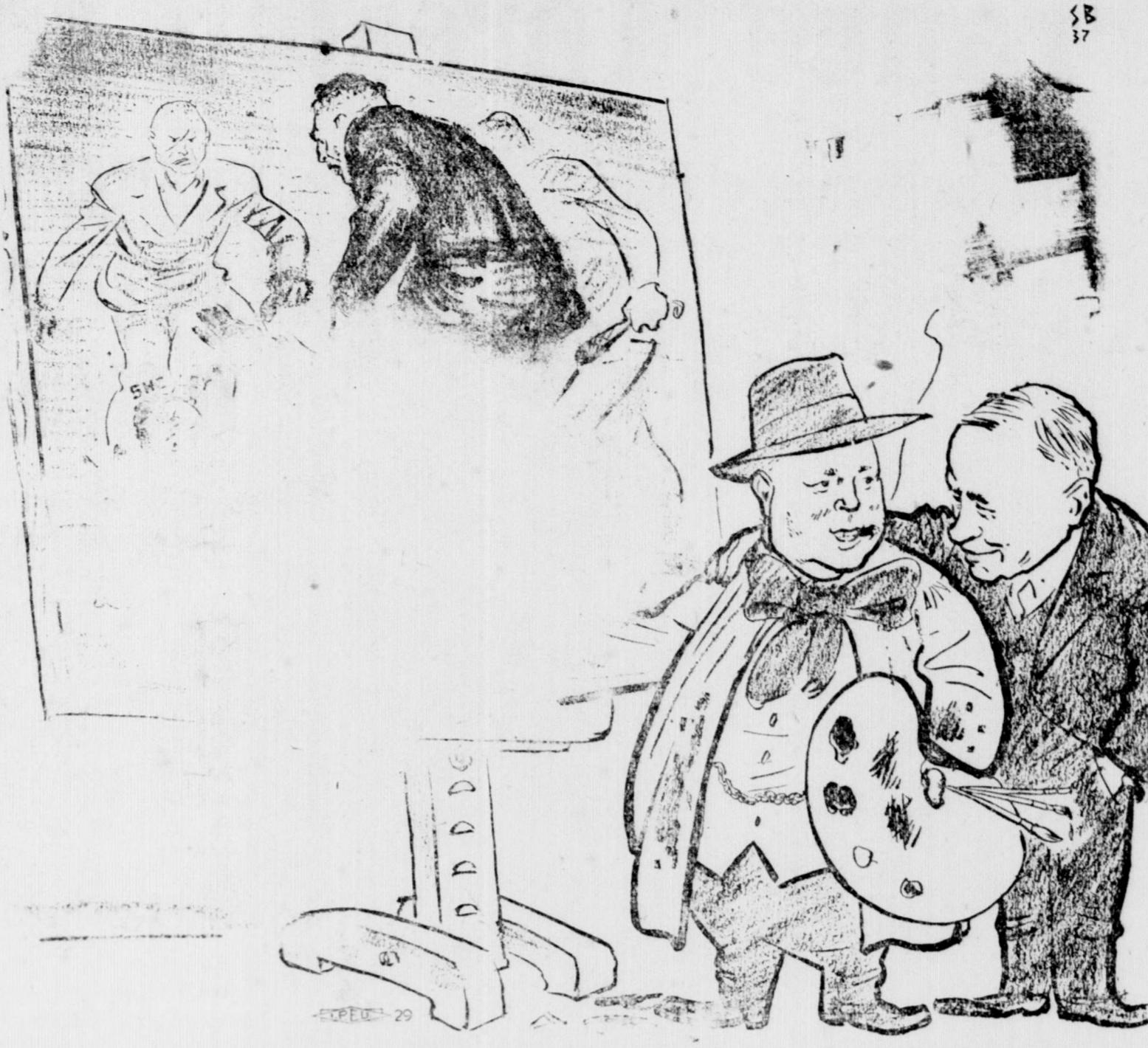
"Red" Hynes can tell you, for at the same time a few police were caught thieving, other cops were helping the thugs of Teamster Czars to beat up CIO unionists.

"Red" Hynes can tell you the boss of the uniformed gangsters is Harry Chandler's crowd—the open-shop industrialists and bankers of Los Angeles.

But let the people of Los Angeles not deceive themselves. No mere police purge will stop this vandalism.

Corruption and gangsterism of the police force must go. But not until Los Angeles use their vote to throw out the whole corrupt administration which protects and fosters police graft, will gangsterism be stopped.

Dave Beck Paints a Picture



A Personal Letter to Every Party Member

Dear Comrade:

THE CENTRAL Committee of our Party has launched a mass recruiting campaign to bring thousands of new members into our ranks. I address myself to you personally, on behalf of the Central Committee, because the success of the campaign depends not alone on the collective efforts of your branch or unit, but **ESPECIALLY UPON YOUR OWN INDIVIDUAL ACTIVITY**.

It is you who are the bearers of the Communist policies and program among workers in your shop or mine, in your trade union or other mass organization, among people in your neighborhood and all sections of the population. There are tens of thousands among the working people in all fields who have worked together with us, accept and respect our leadership, look to us to show them the road to progress. These militant men and women should be in the Communist Party, but, for the most part, they will not enter spontaneously, of their own accord. It is upon you therefore, that the Central Committee relies to convince them to take the final step—to join our Party.

Recruiting Begins at Home

You may ask, "Where, concretely, will I find the person to recruit?" I suggest: begin at home. Is your wife, or husband, in the Party together with you? Have you approached your relatives and close friends? Try to convince them. Arrange a family gathering in your home where the policies of our Party can be discussed. Bring the members of your family to Party affairs and meetings.

If you have neglected your relatives and friends since joining the Party, here is your opportunity to re-establish your ties with them. Your own life will be enriched if those who are near and dear to you personally also participate together with you in the work of our Party.

Fellow Workers Are Next

Then, if you are a shop worker or a miner—what about your shop-mates, your fellow-trade unionists? You have heard them

discuss many problems. Workers everywhere are becoming more and more conscious of their economic and political needs. Undoubtedly you know at least one who should be in our Party. Get better acquainted with this worker. Spend your lunch time with him when possible. Invite him to your home. Discuss with him the policies of our Party. Encourage him to read our literature, to attend our meetings. Be patient and persistent, and you will recruit him.

The same applies to your activity among members of any other organization to which you may belong—unemployed, Negro, fraternal, farmers, women's clubs and auxiliaries, youth, and others.

Consider your neighborhood, also, where the Communist Party carried on election campaigns, held meetings, helped to organize united front actions. You probably know a number of individuals who have expressed their support of our Party, or a willingness to learn more about us. Concentrate on one at least. Win that person's confidence. Help him to become a Communist Party member.

Your Press is Best Teacher

Perhaps you think you cannot explain well enough the policies of our Party? You can have excellent aids, comrade, in the Western and Daily and Sunday Worker, our best agitator and teacher, answering the questions uppermost in the minds of the masses. Why not give copies to your contacts? There is other Communist literature which you can sell and distribute—pamphlets, leaflets of all sorts. At the same time, it is important that you equip yourself to explain our policies clearly by reading the proceedings of the June full meeting of the Central Committee.

But that is not all. During the recruiting campaign there will be many mass meetings, open unit and branch meetings. Bring your contacts to these meetings, where they will find other Party comrades, and gain the benefit of collective discussion. If you know a worker whom you think another could recruit more easily than you, get your branch or

unit to cooperate.

Remember, also, the National Congress of Party Builders Delegates, which will be held in New York in November. The number of new members you recruit will determine the number of delegates your district may send, and every comrade has the opportunity to be chosen a delegate depending upon the new members you bring into the Party.

Own Experiences Valuable

Thus you see that many possibilities exist for recruiting. It is especially important to utilize your own experiences—that which the Party means to you, you can make it mean for others as well. The reasons that impelled you to join the Communist Party, can become the reasons for others to follow your example.

During every minor stoppage of work by maritime workers over justifiable grievances, the employers raised a big howl about "interfering with commerce," etc. But today they are showing a benevolent attitude toward the attempt of the Teamsters' czars, Beck and McLaughlin, to paralyze the port and industries of San Francisco—not over any justified economic demands, but in carrying out the union-smashing orders of the Industrial Association's Committee of 43.

The News Lets the Cat Out

The San Francisco News stated editorially on September 28th: "The Chamber of Commerce and the shipowners themselves have been tolerant of an intolerable situation in the hope that the current so-called showdown would dispose of radical leadership and agitation on this Coast."

In other words, this is merely the latest of a long series of "showdowns" brought about by the employers to drive out the militant rank and file leadership of the Longshoremen and other maritime unions under the usual flimsy red-baiting excuse of "radical leadership and agitation."

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News Columnist Versus News Editor

Only a few days ago a columnist in the San Francisco News ridiculed the charge of the Communists that the employers were behind the Teamsters' picket line. But the above-quoted Washington dispatch and the News editorial contradicts their own columnist, and confirms the charges made in the Western Worker. And to further confirm this position, the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union and the CIO have filed criminal charges with Federal authorities on the West Coast, charging a Coastwide conspiracy to interfere with the workers' rights by Czar Beck & Co.

Rank and file teamsters of San Pedro and Oakland have already prevented the war from being extended beyond San Francisco, by refusing to carry out an embargo against the Longshoremen. During the last few days, there is much evidence to show that San Francisco teamsters are also beginning to realize that they have been used as dupes, and are beginning to grumble against picketing their fellow workers on the waterfront.

The main reason why the spectacular demonstrations of the Teamsters Union on the waterfront failed to accomplish their purpose of stopping dock work, is that the teamsters did not have their heart in the fight, and while formally carrying out orders, did not raise a finger against their union brothers in the maritime unions.

Hearst Scribe Not Genius

Editor Western Worker:

Perhaps the most remarkable of the columnists who daily contribute to the capitalist press is Benjamin De Casseres, Hearst writer and man of highly polished ignorance who daily bemoans the existence of Soviet Russia.

De Casseres, who considers himself no less than a genius, is the ancient who described himself as having read the first page of Marx's Capital and immediately saw it was a volume of unadulterated buncombe. He put it down and forgot it.

Since he put it down, however, the working class of Russia, holding high the banner of Marxism, has taken that great land for its own; central China is in the hands of the Marxists, and the whole world is more "Marx-conscious" than ever before.

Who's knows, Benjamin—maybe you're not a genius after all.

Comradely,

M. S., Los Angeles.

"My Kingdom for a Horse"

Editor Western Worker:

The dictators Hitler and Mussolini will soon be crying "My Kingdom for a Horse," because the people are becoming tired of being ridden.

And one thing that Japan has found out is that it is much easier to bomb defenseless citizens than it is to face Chinese with machine guns.

Fraternally,

R. Visalia, Calif.

How the French Workers Build the Popular Front

MORE butter on the French people's bread—more security against fascism and reaction, at home

That Daily Paper

Example Setting
Babies

The Branch to Beat

At the Enlarged State Committee meeting last Sunday, Comrade BETTY GANNET delivered \$60.00 to SAM VAST of the S. F. Drive Committee. The money represented a day's wage donated by State and County functionaries working at 121 Haight.

The collection of the day's pay is the most important single step now to be taken in the Drive. And we must go further than the collection among party members alone. Thousands of sympathizers and progressives will give one day's pay if approached in the proper fashion.

From the Cradle to the Grave

Babies are something of a problem to mothers who are Party members. But not to San Francisco Housewives' Unit. One of their members has a son who will be one year along on the road to becoming a YCL'er next month. So the Housewives' unit pops up with a plan to capitalize upon the occasion. A "Baby" party will be held with all members of the unit inviting other mothers with babies. So, after all are present, pictures of the group will be taken; later, prints to be sold to the proud mothers present. Proceeds from the business will, of course, go to the Daily Western Worker. Now, if this idea isn't what one would call "spreading the basis for the Drive," we don't know of one that is.

About San Mateo

Right now, SAN MATEO is leading the Drive in percentage of quota fulfilled. Unit No. 1 held a picnic on Sept. 12 at Woodruff Grove, La Honda and cleared \$14.00 with a small crowd and a very good time. Unit No. 3 had a picnic on the 19th with Spanish speaking workers and their families. With Comrade NUNO in charge and his wife preparing the fine food, the unit cleared \$18.62. Many more affairs are planned in the county and a challenge was issued to SANTA CLARA. Comrade E. J. PATTERSON is the San Mateo Drive Manager and is a real live wire in organizing the Drive.

How to Do It

BRANCH B-1, Eastside Section, Los Angeles, is absolutely (in our opinion) the fastest acting Branch in the State in getting under way in the Drive. Know what they did? Mimeographed collections lists almost before the Drive was under way and were collecting money. With 30 members, it set itself a quota of \$400 which is well above the \$10.00-per-member average for the State. The entire branch is alert and enthusiastic. Pep talks and announcements of collections by name at each branch meeting enliven and stimulate their work. The Branch voted for the day's pay and have already started collection. A number of affairs are planned which will further widen the base of the drive and popularize it.

Maybe you don't know it, but the State Drive Committee has put up an A. B. Dick Automatic Feed Mimeograph machine for the Branch doing the best all-around work in the Drive. All in all, we think Branch B-1 is the outfit to beat for this fine award. What do you say to this, ALAMEDA?

WE WONDER what the reactionaries, Chamber of Commerce, Hearst and other enemies of the people think about the coming establishment of two more Daily Communist Papers in America. The holder of "Moscow Gold" is worn thinner than the bologna in a dairy lunch sandwich by overuse in the past. So we can't think of what angle they'll find to slander the effort with this time. But we'll beetcha they're straining a button thinking up ways of discrediting and slandering our new "Dailies" . . . which is just one more reason why we've got to put them over with a bang.

SCIENCE FOR WORKERS

New Chemical Found To Kill Whole Army

By HENRY GOLLÖMB

Acetylcholine is a chemical whose name is probably new to almost everyone who reads this. But the body makes use of this chemical several million times a day. Every time the brain sends a message to the nerves to move certain muscles, the nerve-end spurs an infinitesimal quantity of acetylcholine into the muscle and causes the required response.

At the recent meeting of the American Chemical Society, a new and tremendously effective use for this chemical in warfare was pointed out. So properly distributed could knock thousands of men unconscious for a short period almost instantly upon inhaling it. Clay shells impregnated with the chemical, upon exploding over a wide area, would accomplish this. Recovery is rapid without any ill after-effects, but while unconscious the soldiers would be an easy capture.

Living Fly Scatter

The *Yerba de la pulga*, a South American plant, is good to have around the house as a watchdog for insects. They don't like the plant for some reason and refuse to buzz around if it is anywhere in the neighborhood. The Pan-American Society of Tropical Research at Gulfport, Miss., is sponsoring this plant, which grows in the republic of Colombia. Four seeds of this insect repellent (the society does not state if it also repels human beings) will be sent on request to anyone who sends a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Instructions for its growth and care are also free.

Youth Commission Blasts Old Surveys

By P. SCOFIELD

Composed mainly of young people, the Los Angeles Youth Inquiry Commission wants to make a survey of young people in this city. Furthermore, say these up-and-coming youth, all previous surveys on the subject have failed to develop reliable information.

On June 12 of this year representative youth leaders in Los Angeles County were called together by the city supervisors to consider the problems of youth in relation to county government. At that time a temporary inquiry committee was formed to study and report on the possibilities of a youth survey in Los Angeles County where juvenile delinquency has been increasing at an alarming rate.

This temporary youth inquiry committee, said to be the first of its kind in the United States under county auspices, recently submitted its first report to the board.

Painstaking Study

"To carry out our commission from you," states the report in part, "we studied the purposes, methods, and the results of all those recent surveys on the youth problem in the county which came to our attention of which we could track down. We found all these surveys fundamentally alike. They set out to gather and publish reliable statistical information, each one necessarily limiting itself to a small portion of the youthful population, and each had the expressed purpose of stimulating action to solve or to alleviate the difficulties they might reveal."

"In their immediate object, of assembling and publishing reliable statistics on the county's youthful population, all these surveys failed of any considerable measure of success because their limitations and their only partially complete application made them fragmentary and impossible of mutual comparison, and because they suffered from statistical errors in execution."

Misery Methods

The report charges that this failure was due to stinginess on the part of their elders who administered the surveys:

"Both the technical errors and the fragmentary character are traceable to the fact that all these surveys of the youth problem required more money for their effectual completion than was available . . ."

The committee contends that the most pretentious survey ever made in Los Angeles County took so long that it became obsolete before even partial completion.

"For example, the survey conducted by the Los Angeles Board of Education in 1935, under a plan and with a schedule arranged by the United States Office of Education—a survey which took the greater part of that year for only partial completion, and which was in spite of its inadequacies by far the most pretentious of any so far conducted in this region, gave some information on unemployment of youth which is now subject to challenge on the grounds that improved economic conditions have intervened, rendering the information obsolete."

The committee takes sharp issue with their seniors on the

point of improved employment conditions for youth.

Youth Still Hard Hit

"Claims may even be made that economic conditions have improved to such an extent that the youth problem is now nonexistent. We consider such claims unacceptable, and perhaps even an evidence of a desire to remain ignorant of the facts. To combat such challenges, youth needs current information on its conditions as a social group."

The report recommends more than publication of inadequate statistics.

"The mere assembling, study and publication of statistical information cannot, however, be considered as more than the immediate aim of a survey—the ultimate aim must be assumed to be some sort of activity designed to solve the problem."

All the surveys we studied concluded with pious hopes that action would follow release of information, and consequently in every case the mere hopes were the final words."

Specific Suggestions

Specifically the report suggests to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors that:

1—Attempt at new surveys be adequately financed and engineered.

2—State Relief Administration projects be established employing young men and women now on county relief rolls to draft, study, administer and publish results of a youth census schedule.

3—A Youth Commission of 22 young men and women be selected from their own youth groups, augmented by five selected by the County Board of Supervisors to carry out the work.

Youth and Age Cooperate

In summary, the Committee outlines down the following principle:

"We propose and recommend that the Youth Commission of 27 members selected shall recognize the distinction that exists between the problems of youth on the one hand, and on the other hand the problems presented by youth to the older population groups. While we think the commission should recognize this distinction, and also the superficial clash in some fields of the interests of youth and age, we recommend to the commission that in its study of the youth problem it take such means as may seem suitable to promote the cooperation and minimize the antagonism of youth and the older section of the citizenry, on the grounds that the youth problem is inextricably bound up in our national problems of all age and social groups, and cannot be attacked or solved independently of the general problem."

Los Angeles Youth in Action

YOUTH COMMISSIONERS TO MEET

By LORENE BLAKE

The Los Angeles County Hahn of the Student YWCA, Youth Inquiry Commission in This promising Conference will planning for their October 9th be held in the City Council Chambers of the Los Angeles City Hall, Saturday, October 9th at 1 p.m. Interested young people are urged by the Commission to attend.

Church Youth Fellowship Young people from various religious groups joined with the Christian Youth Council for an Inter-Religious Tea on Sunday, September 19th. Catholic, Jewish, Mormon and student religious groups met with young people of Protestant faith for an afternoon of fellowship.

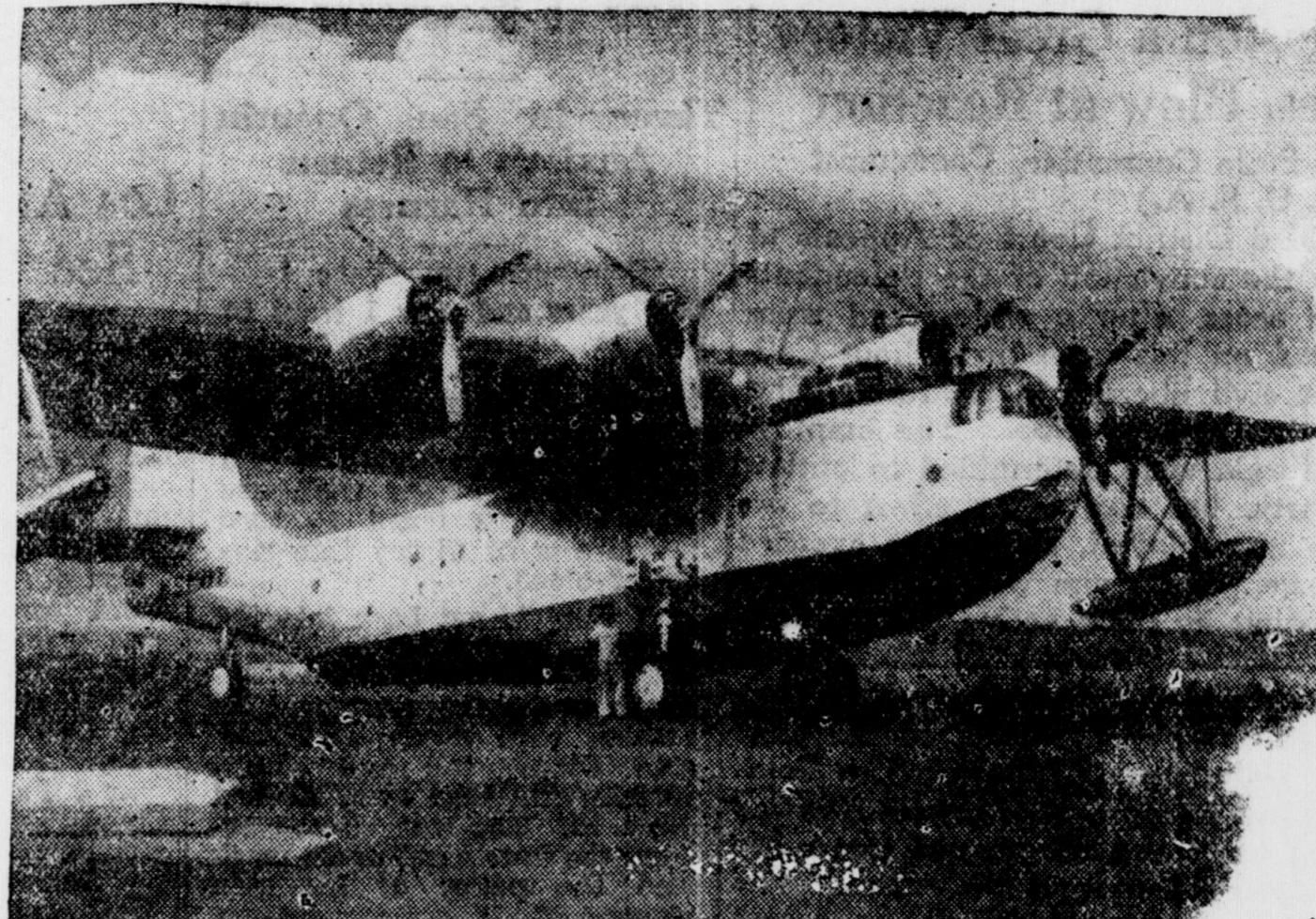
The Tea was held at the First Methodist Church. This represents a really advanced step among religious organizations, so far as joint activities are concerned, and congratulations are in order to the Christian Youth Council and the other groups involved.

Meeting for Sharecropper The special Epworth League sub-committee set up to raise \$200.00 to establish sharecropper on the Delta Cooperative Farm is holding a mass meeting on October 8th in the interest of this project. They plan to get the rank and file Leaguers activated and involved in the raising of the money and the publicizing of the dire circumstances confronting the sharecroppers. The meeting is being held at the First Methodist Church. Every best wish for the success of this worthwhile project.

Education Board in L.A. Condemns Relief Heads Fostering Child Labor

LOS ANGELES—The Los Angeles Board of Education recently passed a resolution condemning employment of children by the County Relief Administration in walnut groves in the northeastern part of the city. The Board heard several complaints that people on relief were forced to employ their children to assist them in the walnut harvest enterprises.

Cost of This Would Buy Schoolbooks



THIS HUGE 4-engined all-metal monoplane built for the U. S. Navy at the Sikorsky factory in Bridgeport, Conn., equals any known plane in military load-carrying capacity, with radio equipment comparable to that installed on a destroyer. It is estimated the cost of building this death-machine would supply all the kids in Georgia with free school books.

Am. Youth Congress Gets Union's Okay

AKRON, Ohio—Sept. 16—The United Rubber Workers Union again showed itself to be a progressive and youth-conscious body by the rubber workers' convention here whole-heartedly endorsing the American Youth Congress.

Discussion on the Youth Congress occupied one entire morning session after the chairman of the Resolutions Committee, L. S. Buckmaster, recommended in five resolutions calling for endorsement of the Youth Congress and for representation at the next congress.

Buckmaster, in speaking for the committee's recommendation, objected to affiliation with the Youth Congress by the rubber union, and an amendment was offered to omit affiliation but to endorse the principles and to send an official delegate to the next congress.

Tribute to Congress

In the discussion that followed, it was pointed out that the convention had gone on record for the Youth Congress last year, and could do no less this year. The President of Akron Local 5 of the Goodrich Co. reported that his delegation was instructed to cast its entire 88 votes for the resolutions.

A member of the Akron Central Labor Union also reported on the findings of a committee set up by that body to investigate the Youth Congress following slanderous attacks against it by a local Trotzkyite. The investigation resulted in a glowing tribute to the Youth Congress.

Opposition to the move took various forms, one argument being that to send a delegate to the Youth Congress would obligate the union to send delegates to all similar organizations.

Red Hearing Canned

One delegate rose to ask who sponsored the AYC, declaring that he was "in favor of my children being educated to trade unionism, but I don't want my family Communized." He was called sharply to order by Chairman Dalrymple, who cautioned the delegates to "speak to the point, and don't indulge in insinuations."

At one point in the discussion the convention bogged down completely in a maze of parliamentary technicalities, with a series of amendments and motions to refer and efforts to stifle debate. But the American Youth Congress came sailing through with flying colors, and the resolution was adopted by an overwhelming majority.

By its action, the convention fully endorsed the AYC, decided to be officially represented at the next congress, and all locals are urged to send delegates.

Kellogg Peace Pact

This move expresses indirect approval of adherence to the Kellogg Peace Pact by the United States, and suggestions to make the pact effective against the aggressor nations as expressed in a peace resolution passed by the American Youth Congress held in Milwaukee last July 25.

The leading paragraph of the resolution was:

"Be it enacted by the Youth of America in Congress assembled. The Congress hereby reaffirms the adherence of the United States to the Kellogg Peace Pact and declares that it will always act in accordance with that Treaty."

C.C.C. Boys Re-enlist

WASHINGTON—About 65,000 veterans of the Civilian Conservation Corps, whose service was about to be terminated, have received word that they may re-enlist beginning October 1. The corps will enroll 100,000 new men at that time.

AROUND THE LEAGUE

YOUTH BRANCHES MUST BE YOUTH SOCIAL CENTERS

By BEN DOBBS
State Administrative Secretary, California Young Communist League

Gil Green, president of our League, in explaining what is meant by a good branch, said, "A good branch of the YCL is not only one which has friendly relations with the organizations of youth in its neighborhood, but also one which has its own headquarters, its own athletic and social equipment, its own library and its own educational program and classes."

How many of our branches today resemble this as we approach our November Convention? Not many.

True, we have made many steps, especially where this ideal has been taken seriously, to make the branches resemble this. The Lincoln Steffens Branch, the Jack London Branch, the Hom Mooney Branch and others have taken the first steps in this direction. They have begun to bring forward their branches as the leader of the youth in the neighborhoods.

Branches Must React

There is one thing that is very decidedly being pushed into the background. That is the question of having the YCL react to all issues facing the youth. We have some examples where the YCL has reacted to such issues. This always results in the growth in size and prestige of the YCL.

The main thing we want to bring out is that more than ever the branches, themselves, must react to these issues, so that they can become firmly rooted in their neighborhood. How can a branch "have good relations with the organizations around it" if they are not constantly on the lookout for issues to rally the youth?

A Convention Problem

Our convention must look into this problem if we are to keep pace with the already splendid development of some branches. Along this line, we must also point out that too few of the branches afford adequate avenues to satisfy the manifold needs and interests of the young people.

Kids Resent Fascists

The kids themselves are the first to resent fascist interference.

Recently two men appeared at the school and asked if they might visit. Their stay was not long—they attempted to pass out fascist propaganda and the kids rose as one and literally kicked them out of the school.

What will happen to these youngsters? The Mexican government has provided for any

eventuality by extending the privilege of Mexican citizenship to them, but I feel that the moment their country is free they will go back as the enthusiastic young builders of a New Spain.

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Opposition to the move took various forms, one argument being that to send a delegate to the Youth Congress would obligate the union to send delegates to all similar organizations.

By its action, the convention fully endorsed the AYC, decided to be officially represented at the next congress, and all locals are urged to send delegates.

The editorial lists coffee as

costing \$5 a pound, beef \$1.30

a pound, butter \$2, a suit of clothes at \$160, etc., etc. These are, of course, nothing but deliberate falsehoods.

Scientific figures accepted by the League of Nations show the following for the city of Moscow alone:

From 1934-1936 an increase in

food consumption per head of

28.8 per cent; from 1913-1937 an

increase per head in meat con-

sumption of 95 per cent, sugar

250 per cent, bread 150 per cent,

potatoes 6

CIO ASKS U. S. AID AS 'GOONS' BEAT WORKERS

On to the Repeal Of the C. S. Law

Appeals Court Decision a Great Victory for Civil Liberties, Blow at Reaction

(Statement of California State Committee, Communist Party, U. S. A.)

THE DECISION of the Third District Court of Appeals at Sacramento, in reversing the conviction of the defendants in the Criminal Syndicalism cases, after a widespread mass campaign has been conducted on this issue throughout California, is a great victory for civil liberties in California, and a blow at pro-fascist vigilante and reaction. The employers and big growers of California were determined to outlaw not only the Communist Party, but also every effort to organize the workers and the unemployed, and every exercise of free speech and assemblage. Their aim was to smash the labor movement by suppressing its most active and militant leaders.

But in this they have not succeeded. Since the wave of terrorism following the 1934 maritime and general strike, labor has organized on all fronts, including agriculture. The Communist Party and its press has become stronger and yields greater mass influence. The labor and progressive forces are organizing on the political field for progressive action. The repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism laws in Washington and Oregon, and the U. S. Supreme Court decisions in the DeJonge case and the Angelo Herndon case have established the legality of the Communist Party, and the Party is on the ballot in the state of California.

But the vicious, un-American, anti-labor Criminal Syndicalism Law is still on the statute books of California. Fascist-minded police chiefs gathered in the recent conference of the California Peace Officers Association have just advocated the greater use of the Criminal Syndicalism Law to frame up innocent workers in the interests of the open shop employers and big growers. Police Chief Davis of Los Angeles, notorious for his fascist-vigilante record, was the most active advocate of such suppression of labor and civil rights. In the last State Legislature, reactionaries succeeded in killing the repeal of the C. S. Law, although such repeal is desired by the big majority of progressive-minded people in California.

The Criminal Syndicalism Law must be wiped off the statute books of California! That must become the rallying cry of Labor and all the progressive and liberty-loving people of California, between now and the 1938 state elections, in preparation for the repeal of the law in the next State Legislature. reactionaries succeeded in killing the repeal of the C. S. Law, although such repeal is desired by the big majority of progressive-minded people in California.

Today we had just finished talking with the workers in their lunch hour, when a gang entered the establishment. One of them grabbed me around the waist. In spite of protests by Ralph W. Gold, owner of the plant, I was pushed outside, where the 'goons' were waiting. Then they all swarmed around me, knocked me down and began to kick me."

CIO officials and the men injured in the Santa Monica and El Segundo assaults all declared police and deputy sheriffs stood by and watched the slugging without coming to the aid of the victims.

ANITA WHITNEY, State Chairman. WM. SCHNEIDERMAN, State Secy.

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Picnic Proceeds (final check up)	\$127.14
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E. M., Santa Barbara	7.10
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A. W. K., Temperton	2.72
	19.28
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CIO Solidarity Grows in Calif.

LOS ANGELES—"Our solidarity in steel trades is growing daily and our 10,000 members in California are supporting every CIO battlefront in this area," declared J. G. Thimmes, steel workers Organizing Committee representative at a CIO district convention attended by 80 steel organizers here. The convention unanimously adopted a resolution which instructed Ken Hunter, Steel Workers' Organizing Committee local secretary, to send a letter to Mayor Shaw demanding he protect the civil rights of striking Metropolitan Water District workers. The convention protested against continued use of public money to defeat the strike.

STATE STALLS FREEDOM FOR CS PRISONERS

Three in San Quentin Anxious to Return Into Harness

(Continued from Page 1)

half years and now I want to use it constructively," said Chambers, short and slight, his face wreathed in smiles. Perjured witnesses, stool pigeons and cops had painted him as a terrible ogre at the trial, one who had threatened to turn the streets of Pixley into rivers of blood.

"I want to get back into the harness right away, into Party activity. You know, your enthusiasm for the movement increases with every hardship," said Crane, tall and rangy, blonde with blue eyes. He had been ill. The long stretch behind the bars had left its mark and the pallor of his skin showed it.

"How did you feel when you learned of this decision?"

TWO MEN—TWO REACTIONS
Both smiled and replied, "What do you think?" Then both elaborated:

Chambers: "My comrade (a criminal prisoner) is more excited than I. I slept just as well last night as I have before."

Crane: "I am so excited that I can hardly eat or sleep. Now, with freedom so near, this grind is hell."

Different men, different reactions, yet both bound by the common tie of courage and devotion to the working class.

They Learn the News

They had not as yet received official notification of the court decision. The news had come to them through the grape-vine system. Some prisoner had heard over the radio. The word spread.

"I found out about it yesterday afternoon," said Chambers. "I was coming back from work about 4:30, when I saw a group of about fifteen men, all smiles, standing near the building. They broke the news: 'Quit your kid.' But then I heard it from other sources and believed it. It all came as a big surprise."

Since that time, they had received wires of congratulations. While I was talking to Chambers, a guard handed him a notice that there was another wire for him in the office.

More to Be Done

The decision made its impression upon other prisoners. It increased their respect for the Communist Party and the progressive movement, generally, which had made the victory possible.

More to be done. The C. S. boys know it and even in their hour of joy they did not forget it. The law is still on the statute books and still can be used to send labor organizers behind the bars "by mistake."

Crane had contact with Tom Mooney. Both worked in the prison hospital.

"This thing ought to do a lot for Tom," he said.

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State's Progressives Greet Decision; Urge C. S. Repeal

Los Angeles Leaders See Release As Blow to Reaction

LOS ANGELES—Following on the heels of the complete vindication of the Sacramento Criminal Syndicalism prisoners by a decision of the Third District Court of Appeals, scores of prominent, progressive-minded persons greeted enthusiastically the release from prison and parole of the now famous victims of the "California" Criminal Syndicalism Act.

Said Paul Cline, Los Angeles County secretary of the Communist Party:

"Democracy and civil liberties scores a signal victory with the release of Caroline Decker, Nora Conklin, Pat Chambers, Martin Wilson, Albert Hougard, Jack Crane, Lorene Norman and Norm Minn.

"By the same token, the people of California can breathe more freely in the knowledge that civil rights and, especially, the rights of labor will henceforth be more secure."

"This latest victory over reactionary and repressive laws is largely attributable to the untiring struggle led by the Communist Party and the International Labor Defense.

"Scores of mass meetings have been held and scores of thousands of signatures against the un-American and undemocratic Criminal Syndicalism laws were obtained by these and other progressive organizations.

"This battle against reactionary statutes has been won, but the war is not over. This war for democratic rights, for the rights guaranteed the American people by those grand documents—the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, must be carried forward with ever greater zeal and energy."

"This requires the building of a broad peoples' front of all liberal, all progressive and all labor forces, to the end that in the 1938 elections a progressive administration shall be elected into office."

"The next step of the people of California in securing their democratic rights should be a gigantic campaign aimed to obliterate the infamous Criminal Syndicalism Act."

Labor Defense Statement
LaRue McCormick, secretary of the International Labor Defense here, in a short statement declared, "This great victory will be the catapult from which will be launched the campaign for the viciously anti-labor Criminal Syndicalism Law."

Attorney Allan Frankel said: "This is splendid news and represents a thousand-fold my efforts towards the repeal of the C. S. Act. This law has been used almost entirely by employers against strikers."

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Vigilantes and powerful union-busting banking groups remain. A reactionary state administration remains.

So does the indomitable spirit symbolized by these C. S. prisoners.

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FORCED LABOR CAMPS WILL BE ORGANIZED

Worker Tells Experiences In Southern California Relief Camps

By a Worker Correspondent
BJG TUJUNGA CAMP, Los Angeles County—I am one of the many single men on state relief, who through no fault of their own have been forced into these labor camps by an ultimatum from the relief bureaucrats, which in effect is a policy of accept or starve.

Promises of good food, wages and clothing from the skin out, fall from the lips of these relief flunkies, many of whom are too dumb to realize they, too, are workers like us, but who prefer to serve their masters and receive their 30 pieces of silver for the betrayal of the destitute and impoverished workers of their class.

Driver Like Cattie

After a worker has been browbeaten into accepting a work order in a camp, he is taken in to see a doctor, where he is given a hit or miss medical examination. In most cases, due to long privation, he is given a physical rating under classification "C," which means he is to be assigned only to light work.

In my case and in many others that I observed, we were taken directly from the doctor's office, loaded into a truck and driven like cattle to Alondra Park, which is the intake station from which the workers are sent to any one of several camps, providing they are able to pass another physical examination, given immediately upon arrival.

Health "Improves"

In my case, I rated a "B-1" classification, in Los Angeles. No doubt if I could have gotten just one more examination by their "doctors" my health would have been completely restored, but lungs and all.

It is beyond my ability to recount all those tortuous hours of standing in line to eat, bathe, accept numbers, signing this and that, and waiting for idiotic interviews by some flunkies or other.

My name was eventually called, among others, to be transferred to Pacoima Camp to work on construction—30 hours a week for \$10 per month and found. We were told conditions were much better there than at Alondra Park, but when we arrived at Pacoima we found it to be as bad as Alondra.

Overworked

I won't forget the one day I worked there before I was transferred to Camp Tujunga. I weigh 128 pounds and I had to wrestle heavy rolls of roofing paper all afternoon for my beans.

Now will I forget my last breakfast there. It consisted of half a slice of sausage, one small bowl of cornflakes and only a chemist could identify the drink as being either tea or coffee.

But we were assured that Camp Tujunga was different, and so it was. The cook, who is a good one, attempted to uphold the honor of his profession and remove some of the wrinkles from our stomachs that the belly robbers at Alondra and Pacoima had put there. He shot the works for our first supper and when we finished he had practically nothing left for his pains but our good will, some dirty dishes and an empty pantry, not to mention the bosses' curses for his indiscretion.

Denied Food

However, we have paid through the stomach for this feast. For in the past week the bosses have seen to it that no bread, potatoes and other essentials have been available.

Most of the men are still wearing their own clothes and the promised clothing "from the skin out" has proved to be just a hoax. Nor have I seen so much as one worker who has been supplied with sufficient clothes.

The one day I worked in Pacoima gave me the opportunity to see that most all the articles needed by the men are there and available if the camp bureaucrats cared to give it out.

Will Be More Biting

The psychology used by the lackeys of the ruling class in these camps on the workers is the same as that used by a master on his dog. He takes a bone and makes the dog bark for it.

But from the rumors I've heard among the boys, there is soon going to be less barking and more biting. For we are getting organization conscious and pay day will see the ranks of the Workers Alliance filled with some more good militant brothers.

We don't like these fascist-type, forced labor camps and we don't like the suppression of our constitutional rights, to the point where we have to beg permission from some moron to get a so called liberty card to visit our families.

Yours for a DAILY WESTERN WORKER and a real American

Worker Exposes
Lodi Jim-Crow

By an Agricultural Worker

LODI, San Joaquin County—It has been called to my attention that the police department of Lodi will not let Negro workers stay in town when they come in to look for work. The police stop them on the street and tell them they will have to leave town by night.

I know this is true because I saw it myself. I do not know what "reasons" the cops have, but I think this thing should be taken up, and the cops made to stop this rank discrimination and Jim-Crowism. Lodi is "noted" as the home of the vigilante Col. Walter Garrison, head of the Associated Farmers.

I am a member of the CIO United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing & Allied Workers of America, which takes a firm stand against any discrimination whatsoever.

CAB DRIVER WANTS FIGHT TO REPEAL THE SACRAMENTO LAW

Cops Enforce Anti-Labor Rules Against Taxi Workers

By a Taxi Driver

SACRAMENTO—I would like the public to know what we cab drivers are having to contend with here in this city.

According to a new ruling recently passed by the city council, anyone wanting to do taxi driving must appear before the police department for examination and to get a permit before he can be hired. This examination consists of finger-printing, mugging, and furnishing character references.

You also have to take a physical examination, listen to a lecture by the police chief and go through a lot of red tape in order to get a cheap paying job.

I would like to tell of two cases in which the drivers' permits were revoked. These drivers were already working when this city ordinance was passed.

Discrimination

One case was discrimination against a foreign born worker whose permit was revoked because he had not secured his second papers for citizenship.

Another case that I know of was that of a driver who got his permit, only to have it revoked about a week later because of a minor offense many years before. There have been other revocations, but I haven't the facts.

Our Taxi Local is affiliated with the reactionary Teamsters Union. They don't seem to be making any attempt in behalf of us drivers against this unjust city ordinance. This ordinance in question is not a state law, therefore I believe it is unconstitutional.

Insecurity

There is a constant feeling of insecurity in our jobs among us cab drivers. I am driving for 30 cents an hour and have to support a family on that meager wage.

Some of us rank and filers are working on a plan to remedy this bad situation. Any suggestions that you may have to offer through the columns of your paper will be greatly appreciated.

NOTE—I would suggest you try to get your union local on record against this ordinance through a resolution, sending copies to the Central Labor Council and all other local unions; a committee to the city council, with as broad a representation as possible, should demand repeal of the ordinance. Other ideas can undoubtedly be developed if the rank and filers confer with other progressive trade unionist in Sacramento—Workers' Correspondence Ed.

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ALASKA UNION IN SUPPORT OF LONGSHOREMEN

Condemned AFL Officials For Blockade on Waterfront

By an Alaska Canner

SAN FRANCISCO—Will you please publish the enclosed letter to the Int'l. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union in your next issue of the Western Worker, in accordance with a request of our member at the last membership meeting of the Alaska Cannery Workers Union:

Dear Sirs & Brothers:

We are happy to announce that at our last regular membership meeting the following motion was unanimously adopted:

Pledge Support to ILWU

Realizing that in the present controversy between the officials of the Int'l. Brotherhood of Teamsters and the members of the Int'l. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union, the Longshoremen and Warehousemen are struggling to preserve unity among all members of organized labor and the members of the Maritime Federation in particular; and realizing that this attack upon the Int'l. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union is an attempt to break the unity of the Maritime Federation, we, the members of the Alaska Cannery Workers Union, Local 20195, pledge our support, morally, physically and financially to our brothers in the Int'l. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union. And further we pledge ourselves not to respect any picket line which is not established against the employer class and in the interest of the organized labor movement.

Condemn AFL Officials

We make this pledge, not in condemnation of the rank and file of the Int'l. Brotherhood of Teamsters, but in condemnation of the officials of that union; William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, the Executive Board of the American Federation of Labor, and President Tobin, international president of the Brotherhood of Teamsters, who have sought by coercion and intimidation to destroy a democratic organization which has honestly organized the workers in its industry for the benefit of all concerned.

Copies of this letter are being sent to the Voice of the Federation, the local press, and to all organizations mentioned herein, with every wish for your success, and with greetings of solidarity to your members, we are

Fraternally,

GEORGE WOOLF,
President.

JACK BEROLLA,
Secretary.

Northrop Aircraft Strike Supported By Inglewood C.P.

By a Worker Correspondent

INGLEWOOD, Los Angeles County—Enclosed find a copy of the leaflet on the Northrop Aircraft strike, and the efforts of Mayor Darby to force an open shop in the Northrop plant by forming his own "Labor Relations Board."

Issued by the 46th Assembly District Branch of the Communist Party, the leaflet is headed: "Darby's Inglewood Labor Relations Board (Inc.)", Born September 23, 1937. Died September 24, 1937; Ages, Date Unknown."

It states: "We have no connection with this strike, no desire whatever to 'control' this or any other union. We do, however, hail with our warmest greetings, the United Auto Workers of America.

"These heroic strikers need and certainly deserve the strong support of the voters and citizens of this community."

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On the Trail of the Sneeze!



LABORATORY TECHNICIAN A. W. Barry gives allergy skin tests to Alberta Wilk and Lois Luth, Detroit girls, in a study to determine cures for hay fever

POTASH COMPANY'S ANTI-UNION FIGHT SINKS TO NEW LOW

Trona Workers Refuse to Be "Bought Off"; Join CIO

By a Worker Correspondent

TRONA, San Bernardino County—The American Potash and Chemical Co. is again attempting to frustrate justice by trying to bribe the 19 men ordered reinstated by the National Labor Relations Board.

Mr. Robinson of the Trona Co. is visiting each man individually with a promise of a "handsome cash settlement" for the men who will resign their jobs immediately on being reinstated, in collaboration with American Federation of Labor officials.

One A. H. "Pedro Pete" Petersen, an AFL racketeer, was turned down cold when he approached the men to "sell out" to the company. Mr. Simpson of the American Potash and Chemical Co., admitted conferring with Petersen, but denied complicity in the bribery plot.

This interesting struggle to improve their conditions started about two years ago. Confronted by a company union which served only to protect the interests of the employer, these workers realized the necessity for a bona-fide labor union. Having witnessed the futility of negotiating with the company through frightened committees, who might be fired for their independence, they turned to the AFL.

CIO Won

On receiving their charter, 19 of the men were discharged. This group went to the agencies of justice for defense of their constitutional rights. Being thus confronted on the spot, the company and the AFL officials collaborated in squashing the charges.

Aware of the fact that they were being sold out by their own AFL representatives, the men turned to the CIO where every able and legal assistance was placed at their disposal. With this willing and capable cooperation, the case was fought through to a successful conclusion.

A charter of the Int'l. Union of Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers, CIO affiliate, has been granted to the employees of the American Potash & Chemical Co. for defense of their constitutional rights. Being thus confronted on the spot, the company and the AFL officials collaborated in squashing the charges.

The ACWA, news-organ, has in the past carried the company's views on "outside organizations."

It seems the newspaper has ceased damning the AFL with the view to using it as protection from the Committee for Industrial Organization.

Unsuccessful in cramming a company union down the throats of the workers, they will probably resort to the obvious course, a company union with an AFL charter.

Anti-Labor Lies Of Hearst Bared By Alaska Canner

By an Alaska Canner

SAN FRANCISCO—Mr. Randy Hearst announced recently that he is going to distribute free poison. His Sunday Magazine, a supplement to his corrupt Sunday Examiner is also going to be distributed Sundays with his stinkers.

Buffalo Courier-Express, Buffalo Plain Dealer, Houston Post, Minneapolis Journal, Nashville Tennessean and the Wichita Beacon.

This anti-labor magazine has run stories discriminating against Filipino workers. Several years ago it carried a story about one of the Philippine Islands where all the inhabitants were shorn naked little savages, which of course is a dirty lie!

Typical Hearst Rot

At one time it ran a story about the Hawaiian Islands. Natives of these islands described as cannibals, etc. Only people who have been in the Hawaiian Islands can fully realize what a lie this is.

Randy just wants the workers to fold their arms and cease to be progressive. Why fight for your children's future, for your grandchildren's future? They are going to benefit, not you. So why suffer for them?

That's what Randy Hearst wants the workers to do—fold their arms and take what the racketeering employing class wants to give them.

Workers Not Fooled

Mr. Randy Hearst did not fool the American workers or those of any other country because these workers happen to know that the Soviet Union which comprises one sixth of the earth, is already a socialist state.

Stooge Pulled Gun

Peters is No. 1 stooge for Spooner.

Peters does the "mopping up" for his boss Spooner—with a 38 caliber Colt automatic.

Union men distributing CIO leaflets in front of Jenny Lind Hall

last Wednesday night were ordered away by Peters. When the men ignored him, he pulled a gun on them. The CIO men disarmed the gunman and held him for police who did NOT take him into custody.

In the meeting, Peters whined

that he was attacked and called

for a "finish fight against CIO thugs."

Spooner jumped on the band-wagon and "warned" the membership that "hordes" of CIO thugs were "waiting outside to pounce upon" the culinary workers when they left the hall.

It is this

A Special Page of Trade Union News, Developments and Features

Donations urged for memorial to Haymarket victims--Dual union attempt against Los Angeles Guild is flop--Los Angeles county employees' union vote 97 per cent for CIO--Rapid growth reported by CIO Intl. Woodworkers of America in the northwest--Other news on regular pages.

William Z. Foster Shows the Path to Trade Union Unity

CITES FIGURES PROVING THAT MAJORITY OF U. S. LABOR IS SUPPORTING PROGRAM OF CIO

Communist Party Chairman Points Out Steps Toward Unity Convention of AFL, CIO and R. R. Unions

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If today the American trade union movement is split, to the great profit and joy of all reactionaries, this is due to the work of a minority of craft unionists, dominated by reactionary AFL trade union bureaucrats. It is a fact, easily demonstrated, that the great majority of organized trade unionists support the CIO program of industrial unionism in the mass production industries and that if their will prevailed the labor movement would be speedily united upon this basis.

Majority Support

Even at the time of the arbitrary suspension of the 10 CIO unions by the AFL executive council in September, 1936, the CIO program definitely had the support of the majority of all organized trade unionists. Let us count and see. First, there were the 900,000 members of the 10 suspended unions; then there were 350,000 more (Woodworkers, 100,000; Typographical, 80,000; Fur Workers, 35,000; Agriculture, 50,000, etc.) in AFL unions which were either then or shortly afterward became affiliated to the CIO; and finally, there was a vast, unorganized rank and file sentiment in the AFL craft unions that was sympathetic to the CIO. It is safe to say, therefore, that even when the CIO suspensions took place the CIO program had behind it the active sympathy of a majority of all organized trade unionists in this country. And the AFL leaders were so acutely aware of this fact that they not only refused to allow the moot question to come to a rank and file vote, but they also did not dare to represent the CIO unions to be represented at the Tampa convention.

Rapidly Increasing

During the past 12 months since the suspension the CIO had greatly increased the general trade union majority that it had at the outset. Firstly, as a result of its successful organizing campaigns in auto, steel, textile, radio, rubber, etc., it has added huge armies of new recruits to its ranks, so that, together with a number of unions that joined it from the AFL, its total membership (Sept. 1937) has now reached 3,718,000 and is rapidly increasing. Moreover, the CIO has also enormously augmented its prestige and support among the AFL craft unions and at present more than likely a majority of the AFL union members would probably vote for the CIO program if they had an opportunity to do so.

Meanwhile, in an effort to defeat the CIO and to keep the AFL as the main trade union center, the craft union leaders are making fantastic claims as to the numerical strength of their organizations. They assert that the AFL is growing so fast that it has not only offset the 1,250,000 workers it had lost to the CIO, but has gained many more. On Labor Day official figures of 3,600,000 were given for the AFL as a whole.

Now even on the face of this exaggerated claim it shows that the AFL has 100,000 members less than the CIO. But the reality indicates a much greater numerical preponderance in favor of the CIO. Firstly, although many AFL unions are now undoubtedly growing as a result of the great organization spirit developed among the masses by the CIO, it is absurd to say they have grown in the past year by 1,250,000 members necessary to defeat the CIO and to be replaced by the CIO and to raise the total of AFL members from 2,422,398 in Sept. 1936 to 3,600,000 in Sept. 1937. Secondly, from the AFL figures are to be deducted over 100,000 members of CIO unions that are still in the AFL, chiefly the Typographical and Cap Makers Union, as well as about 250,000 more for the AFL unions that have recently joined the CIO. And finally, there must also be counted off the huge masses of craft union members, probably the majority, who are openly sympathetic to the CIO's plan of industrial unionism in the mass production industries.

Would Vote Unity

From all these facts the conclusion must be drawn that behind the CIO's program of industrial unionism in the mass production industries stands the great majority of organized workers (not to speak of the widespread support the CIO has among the unorganized). If the matter could be submitted to a referendum vote of the en-

Point of Order

A Trade Union Column

By JOHN BROMAN

IF THE landlord suddenly decided he didn't like the way you part your hair, you could be evicted within three short days in San Francisco, under a law passed by the last State Legislature.

Rather, you could have been evicted; now, thanks to the Committee for Industrial Organization, you can't be.

True to its policy of defending the interests of all workers, the unemployed and the middle-class people, the CIO sent its attorney, Richard Gladstein, into court to attack this law as unconstitutional. Due to the fight put up by the CIO representative, three municipal judges declared the law unconstitutional.

Majority Support

tire trade union movement in this country—CIO, AFL and Railroad Brotherhoods, there can be no doubt whatever but that the cause of industrial unionism and trade union unity would carry by a tremendous preponderance of votes.

A grave weakness in the fight for industrial unionism and trade union unity, however, is that these majority progressive forces in the whole labor movement are not united and working definitely on a trade union unity program. Those in the AFL, especially, are unorganized and almost totally out of touch with the CIO. It is this disorganization of the progressive elements that makes it possible for the well organized AFL bureaucrats, with a minority of trade unionists behind them, to keep the labor movement split in two. We may be sure that when the progressive forces in the AFL, CIO and railroad unions unite them selves around a definite program, it will not be long until they will be able to register their present great majority by establishing trade union unity on the basis of the CIO's proposals.

Need for Unity

In numerous statements, resolutions, articles, etc., the Communist Party has pointed out the urgent necessity for trade union unity and the broad path along which it is to be achieved. The most basic part of this unity work is to build and strengthen the CIO unions in every possible way. Sympathetic unions of the AFL should also be affiliated to the CIO. In doing this we are not only solving the moot question of industrial unionism by actually establishing the industrial unions, but also strengthening the progressive heart and backbone of the labor movement, the CIO.

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CIO Policy

WHEN the CIO stepped into this case on the side of the people of San Francisco, it was following the precedent set by the CIO throughout the nation.

For example, the United Auto Workers and other CIO unions in Detroit are conducting a determined fight against the exorbitant increase in rents. The CIO is also aiding the farmers in their fight for farm legislation. The CIO is building a front of all the oppressed people against their oppressors—the big corporations, the bankers, the landlords and all other exploiters.

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Scabbed in Seattle

At the same time, Sam Sansoni, also employed by Hearst and a Buzzell henchman, was accused as another Post-Intelligencer strikebreaker.

Meanwhile, the L. A. News paper Guild called a special meeting reaffirmed its allegiance to the CIO and voted to file charges with the Labor Relations Board against the Examiner for fostering a company union and firing two persons for union activity, as well as to request that the Labor Board conduct an immediate election in the Examiner to determine which union shall be the representative of the workers there.

BUZZELL FAILS TO WRECK L.A. NEWS GUILD

80 Newshawks Walk Out On AFL Dual Union Attempt in South

LOS ANGELES — The well-known Buzzell steamroller, opposition-crusher in the AFL Central Labor Council, backfired here and rolled nearly a hundred newspaper men and women out of the Labor Temple, Buzzell's stronghold.

Following up his threat to begin organizing editorial workers into the dual newspaper union recently set up by American Federation of Labor heads, J.W. Buzzell, working with connivance of officials of local Hearst papers, called the meeting in an attempt to induce organized newspaper workers to abandon the CIO American Newspaper Guild.

Over 80 Walk Out

How little success he had was indicated when, to avoid embarrassing questions, he was forced to rule against debate from the floor. Shortly after, he ordered all dissenters to leave the hall, and more than 80 persons complied with his suggestion.

Only a handful remained to meet with the Central Labor Council executive board for the purpose of putting into operation the dual AFL union.

Expose Stooge

Dramatic moments of the meeting were when Slim Connally, labor reporter on the Hearst-owned Herald-Express, declared to Buzzell that he would not leave the Labor Temple until he was thrown out. Buzzell informed him that if that was his attitude, he would be thrown out.

The other occurred when Ursel Daniels who, the Guild charges, was recently fired from the Hearst Examiner for union activity, exposed Pearl Gross, now employed by the Examiner, as a Buzzell stool pigeon.

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CIO Steel Union to Hold Convention

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—An international convention of union steel workers will bring together delegates from more than 100 lodges established in the steel industry since the organizing campaign began in July 1936, will be held here late in November or early in December, announced Chairman Philip Murray of the CIO Steel Workers' Organizing Committee.

Convention questions will include drafting of a board policy for guidance of both the international office and local lodges,

and negotiating new contracts with the hundreds of companies which have agreements with the union due to expire next February 28.

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fabricating and processing firms

covering approximately 500,000 workers, are under contract with the SWOC at present.

Disbarment Threats Against CIO Lawyer

During the time of the ill-fated steam schooner strike it was the Communist Party that fought against undisciplined "job action"—and incidentally incurred the undying hatred of Harry Lundeberg for doing so.

Well, Harry—who was right?

In 1936-37 the Communist Party fought to establish a joint publicity committee for the strike. The publicity committee was established, despite organized opposition from certain groups, and who can deny that it was a big influence in winning public opinion to our side?

During that strike we also fought for unity. The Western Worker carried no such headlines as "STRIKE END LOOMS."

The Communist Party—and a majority of the Federation membership—realized the danger of one union signing an agreement until all demands had been granted or adjusted to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Was that common sense—or wasn't it?

Brother, Can You Spare a Dime?



HAVING MADE plenty of trouble for their countries and the world before they were put on the skids, these three ex-rulers meet in exile at Ouchy, Switzerland. Left to right, former King Alfonso of Spain, former Queen Amelie of Portugal, and ex-King Ferdinand of Bulgaria. All took time to pack before they left, so they find unemployment not so tough.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES UNION LEAVES AFL TO JOIN WITH CIO

Los Angeles County Employees Vote 94 per Cent for Change

LOS ANGELES — The local chapter of the American Federation of County employees, long dissatisfied with unsatisfactory gains under AFL leadership, has voted overwhelmingly for CIO affiliation.

The CIO victory, won by a 94 per cent vote, makes the union a part of the State, County & Municipal Workers Union.

Want Militant Program

Public employees greeted coldly what they termed the "week-kid" policy of certain officials who recently declared that "the strike is ineffective so far as public employees are concerned."

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Oust Sharrenberg

THE Communists were the first to advocate the ousting of Paul Sharrenberg. During the time Sharrenberg was under fire, it was the Communist press—the Western Worker—that gave truthful and voluminous publicity to the struggle. Sharrenberg realized this and he never lost an opportunity to turn to the Western Worker and the Communists.

The Communist Party was solidly behind the move to establish the Maritime Federation of the Pacific. The Communist Party fought, moreover, to set up a real democratic federation wherein the rank and file membership would have the final say on all questions of policy.

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Workers Win From Montgomery Ward

OAKLAND — A threatened

strike by 300 employees of the

Montgomery Ward wholesales,

was called off last Monday

when the company capitulated to their demands.

Workers won their demands

for an abolition of the speed-up

and for closed shop, seniority

rights and a substantial wage

increase, only 24 hours before

they had planned to go on strike.

Workers objected in particular

to the company's policy of fir-

ing veteran workers and rehiring

them at beginners' wages.

Pay for the majority of the workers before the successful

termination of the strike was

\$14 per week.

Steel Workers Score Victories in Utah

PROVO, Utah — The Ogden Iron Works and the Columbia Steel Co., two of the three largest steel mills in Utah, have signed union contracts with the Steel Workers Organizing Committee (CIO), Varro C. Jones, SWOC organizer announced here.

The third large Utah steel

mill, the Pacific Cast Iron Pipe

Co., is resisting the unionization

drive by company union tactics

and intimidation, the SWOC charged.

Tuolumne County Lumber Accused Under Labor Act

SAN FRANCISCO—Charges of violation of the Wagner Labor Relations Act were filed here with the National Labor Relations Board against the West Side Lumber Co. of Tuolumne County.

The charges were filed by the CIO Intl. Woodworkers of Amer-

ica, Local 84, by Organizer

Walter Rogers.

BOOM MEN 90% FOR CIO, EARLY VOTING SHOWS

Woodworkers Report Big Gains Throughout All Northwest Areas

SFATLLE—The Boom-men's Northwest District Council, now voting on affiliation with the Intl. Woodworkers of America is showing an almost 90 per cent ballot in favor of affiliation with the CIO.

The Boom-men's recent convention in Port Angeles, Washington, elected a delegation to interview the IWA international officers. Receiving satisfactory answers to their questions, the delegates reported back and the referendum followed. The Tacoma Boom-men's Local has voted 10 to 1 for the IWA; the Aberdeen local about 7 to 1.

Solidarity in CIO

SEATTLE—Homer Martin, President of the powerful CIO United Automobile Workers of America, has wired O. M. Orion, Intl. Woodworkers first vice-president, assuring the IWA that the auto workers will do everything possible to support the Woodworkers in using CIO plywood and veneer in concerns where UAW members work.

NEW YORK—Formation of a Woodworkers Council for New York took place at a conference Saturday, September 25. Both AFL and CIO locals participated in the conference.

EVERETT, Wash.—The Pulp and Sulphite Workers local, affiliated with the AFL, has given its backing to the IWA and will not at any time refuse to handle CIO products.